

Groups to Perform in Housekeepers Benefit

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You won't witness any vehement protests or demonstrations tonight in support of the UNC housekeepers. Instead, campus organizations will show their support by performing in the second annual benefit concert for housekeepers, sponsored by Students for the Advancement of Racial Relations.

The performance will feature several University organizations "in an attempt to foster cultural diversity and support the UNC housekeepers," according to SARR co-chairman Marc Craighead.

Groups scheduled to perform are Tar Heel Voices, ModernExtension, Sangam, Carolina Hispanic Student Association, BSM Gospel Choir and Ebony Readers. Craighead also hopes to include a speech from a representative of the UNC Housekeepers Association.

Craighead said that bringing together a diverse collection of students as well as groups from different cultural organizations would enable SARR to reach an

overall goal of student awareness of the housekeepers' struggle. The whole organization of the concert is to unify diverse groups in attempt to work together to achieve a final goal, Craighead said.

BSM choir member Theresa Avery explained that the "choir is genuinely interested in helping the housekeepers' cause." She said choir president Tracy Cameron gave housekeepers free tickets for their fall performance.

"The situation has gotten to the point at which, more than ever, the housekeepers need student support," he said. "It is necessary to unify forces so we can push for the housekeepers' goals."

The main goal of the housekeepers' plight for equality is to increase the housekeepers' starting salary to above poverty level and to provide opportunities for educational advancement, Craighead said.

He said the benefit was extremely important to the future success and the deliverance of the housekeepers' goals.

"The entire nation is watching what the University does. We really need to continue to lead in the area of racial justice," he said.

All proceeds of the concert will go to the UNC Housekeepers Association. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in Hanes Art Center Auditorium. Tickets are \$3.

SARR Benefit Concert for UNC Housekeepers
7:30 p.m. today
Hanes Art Center Auditorium

Primed and Ready



Todd Scofield puts on a primer coat Tuesday above the entrance of Playmakers Theatre. The building was being prepared for a new coat of paint.

BURNETTE

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she was willing to accept her mistake for providing false information about her class but added that she planned to enroll today in a history class for the spring semester.

"I do know I shouldn't have done what I did," she said. "It wasn't as though I was trying to mislead the public. It took a lot of hard work to get where I am."

"I haven't done anything. It was poor judgment on my part. This is something that will ruin me the rest of my life."

Although the registrar's office had no record of her, Burnette said she had taken classes through the evening college and through the Continuing Education Program. She added that she had not planned to enroll in a class next semester in order to find a job, buy a car and provide some income for her child.

"But right now, I feel obligated to go ahead and take a class," she said. "I might take two."

Burnette denied that she had run her campaign stressing her status as a UNC student. But in February, when she announced her plan to run for school board, she had said she hoped that being a parent and a UNC student would make her especially qualified for the position.

"Running for school board and being a part of UNC has never been a part of my platform of mine," Burnette said Wednesday night. "It never came up during the campaign."

But one of her campaign fliers states, "(LaVonda Burnette) is a lifelong member of First Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, and she takes classes through the evening college at UNC-Chapel Hill."

Burnette said she had only told Chapel Hill and Carrboro voters that she was enrolled part-time. She said that she gave the wrong information concerning her TA's name because she had been receiving prank phone calls.

"I didn't want to get anyone in trouble," she said. "Jeff Jones does not exist. The information I gave you — I made a mistake, and I never should have given you the wrong name."

"I just felt that there was someone out there who wants to get LaVonda Burnette. Due to the phone calls and the threats, I just felt I couldn't tell you."

Burnette said she did not want to get anyone involved in her mistake. "I've been giving you the runaround in some sense," she said. "I have someone who desperately wants to get me. I have proof that someone is after me."

Burnette said she had received about 10 harassing phone calls since Tuesday. She also had received anonymous hate mail, she said.

"It really disturbs me that someone would do this," she said. "It's frightening."

Calls ranged from racial slurs to accusations of being a "gay-lover," Burnette said. "A few callers have said, 'I hope you get what you deserve.'"

Burnette said her primary concern was protecting herself and her 6-year-old daughter, Brittany. "I have lived here since birth, and I have never known this to happen to anyone until now," she said.

Putting Children First had criticized Burnette during her campaign for her support of the inclusion of sexual orientation in the school system's multicultural plan. Burnette said the harassment had gone beyond the multicultural issue.

"There's something strange here. Why me? Nobody else who supports the plan is getting hate mail," she said. "I'm scared out of my wits. I haven't done anything to harm anyone."

Yi-Hsin Chang and Justin Williams contributed to this article.

Campus Calendar

THURSDAY

5:45 p.m. The Baptist Student Union will meet for a Christmas program and a meal.
7 p.m. UNC International Folk Dancers will meet in the Women's Gym.
8 p.m. N.C. Hillel invites everyone to a Hanukkah party for Russian Jewish families.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Spanish House will accept male- and female-resident applications for the spring 1994 semester. Call Meredith at 914-2355, or stop by the Carmichael Residence Hall desk for more information.
The French House will have two female-resident openings for spring semester. Applications are available at Carmichael front desk or contact Nalini D'Souza for more information at 914-7228.
The International Center has applications available for English conversation partners at the International Center.
The International Center has summer study-abroad fellowship applications available at the International Center.
N.C. Hillel will host Shabbat services and dinner (53) at Hillel at 6:15 p.m. Friday.

HITCHCOCK

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Hitchcock said that athletes should be vocal with their personal opinions.

"If it's just yelling or screaming, then there's no reason for those players to get involved," he said. "But if it's something that the player believes in and supports, then definitely they should speak out. Players have a lot of say-so in the community, simply because they're athletes. They're very accessible to the media."

The fear of public disapproval may discourage professional athlete's from expressing personal views, Hitchcock said.

"That's the main reason why some of them don't get involved — they're afraid of hurting their public image, or they're afraid they might lose a dollar from this or that

endorsement," he said. "But if you stand up for what you believe in, a lot of people will see you as a man."

One issue he hopes to promote more thoroughly is payment for college athletes.

"I think players would agree we can't work, we can't get any kind of funds," Hitchcock said. "Players coming from such areas as the ghetto or from small rural areas have no access to money. People don't know that there are athletes that have no money. They think we're treated like kings and queens, but it's not like that."

Hitchcock said that now that a free-standing BCC had been approved by the

University's Board of Trustees, he hoped to do more positive work with the BCC, such as fund raising. "If there's anything negative, I won't be involved," he said.

But despite the success of the student movement for the free-standing building, Hitchcock said he thought racial tension on campus would persist for a while.

"There's something about racial controversy that people like to cling on to," he said. "People will always be able to spark up and get interested in any controversy involving race. We can only control what's ahead, and what's ahead of us is a positive thing called the black cultural center."

Hitchcock hopes to follow in the footsteps of Walker, a senior All-American and NFL prospect who also began a successful career as a junior filling in for an injured starter.

"I definitely think I'll have a chance to play pro ball," Hitchcock said.

Whether he goes pro or not, Hitchcock said he still planned to be involved with social issues.

"I will definitely play an active role in the community doing something with the youth," he said. "I'll dedicate my life and my soul to helping those kids in the community become successful."

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